



**33rd Annual  
Roseau Volunteer  
Fireman's BBQ & Ball**  
September 22nd, 2018 at  
the Roseau Fire Hall and  
Gene's Bar & Grill

A Turkey & Pork Dinner with all of the extras will be served in the Fire Hall from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. A Dance follows at Gene's with Eagle Creek from 8:00 PM - 12:00 AM. Raffles for various prizes will be held throughout the event.

Prices: \$12 Adult  
\$10 Senior

\$8 Children 6- 12  
Children 5 & under free  
Proceeds from the fundraiser help fund fire fighting equipment.

**COME AND SUPPORT  
OUR FIREMEN!**

CITY OF ROSEAU

**Hometown  
Update**

## Skate Park Completed in South Riverview Park

In August, construction crews from the Spohn Ranch Skatepark Company completed the installation of the new South Riverview Park skate board feature. The 2,500 SF skate park provides various ramps, decks, rails and other terrain for use by skateboarders, inline skaters, and BMX bikes. However, absolutely no motorized vehicles are allowed on the skate park.

The City reminds skate park users that the park is unsupervised and that use of a skate park is a potentially hazardous activity that could result in serious injury. Riders should always be aware of their surrounding to avoid accidents, use appropriate safety gear and to not ride beyond your ability. The City also reminds users to respect other users of the park by not riding on features outside of the terrain park. Children under 12 years of age should be supervised by an adult

The skate park was devel-

oped using pre-cast concrete ramps and other terrain sections sourced from Barkman Concrete Products in Steinbach, Manitoba. The pre-cast sections were then infilled with concrete slabs poured on site. The construction of the skate park terrain took approximately two weeks to complete. Landscaping for the skate park will be completed over the fall and into next spring to complement the existing development at the park.

The skate park provides yet another recreational opportunity at the South Riverview Park. The goal of the Park Board was to create a park that had features that appealed to the widest number of people. The final feature to be installed in South Riverview Park will be a new half-court basketball court. Originally planned to be constructed this year, the basketball court has been delayed until 2019.

Enjoy one of Roseau's parks today!

## Election Day November 6th



November 6, 2018 is election day in Roseau. The polling place for City of Roseau residents is the Roseau City Center located at 121 Center Street E. The polling place for residents of Ross and Jadis township is also the Roseau City Center.

Three Roseau City Council positions are up for election in November, including the Mayor and two Council member seats. Mayor Jeff Pelowski is running unopposed for the Mayor position (2-year term). Current Councilmember Amy Basingthwaite has refiled to run for her seat on the City Council (4-year term) and city resident Brady Johnson has filed to fill a seat on the Council that is being vacated by Councilmember Don Ross (4-year term). No other candidates filed to be on the ballot for City Council by the August 15th deadline.



## City Hears Proposal to Regulate Rental Units in City Limits

The Roseau City Council discussed a proposal to perform inspections and licensing of all residential rental properties within the city limits.

The discussion of a rental property inspection and licensing program was initiated in response to a general decline in the condition of some residential rental properties in our community and the lack of willingness on the part of some rental property owners and tenants to maintain their property or residence in a safe and sanitary condition. Rental inspection programs are intended to be of benefit to the tenant by providing assurance of safe and sanitary housing; and the landlord, by holding the tenant as well as the property owner responsible for compliance; the neighborhood by the elimination of conditions that contribute to blight; and the city at large through the improvement of social and economic forces affecting the character and finances of the community.

The overall goal of any rental property inspection and licensing program is to be proactive in working with rental property owners in reducing life-safety hazards, nuisances, and crime in our community's rental properties.

The Council reviewed a program in place in the City of Bemidji. Similar ordinances and programs exist in communities across Minnesota and the US. If a rental property ordinance were to be adopted in Roseau, city staff would work closely with rental property owners to both understand the benefits of the program and how it would be implemented.

## City Park Trail Link Completed

The City recently completed a new trail project in Roseau City Park. The new trail links the in-town recreational trails with the recently completed East Diversion Recreational Trail which runs approximately 4 miles from the Roseau City Park north and east of the city. This new paved trail segment provides a seamless link across City Park between these two paved trail systems for pedestrians, bicycles and in-line skaters.

The project was completed by R&Q Contracting of Roseau in August and had a budget cost of \$100,000. The project was completed within budget and the City of Roseau received a grant reimbursing 75% of the costs of the project through the Minnesota DNR Trails Grant program.

This trail segment completes another piece of the overall recreational trail plan for the City of Roseau.



## New Airport Terminal Building Approved

In August the Roseau City Council awarded a contract to Rod Wulff Construction for a new arrival/departure terminal at the Roseau Municipal Airport. The cost of the new facility is \$590,000 and construction is expected to begin in September with completion scheduled for July 1, 2019. The new terminal building will replace the existing terminal that dates back to the original construction of the airport in the 1960's. The existing terminal is too small for current needs and it located within the airport runway safety zone.



## City Budget Discussions

At its August meeting the Roseau City Council reviewed a preliminary 2019 City budget. The preliminary budget included \$14 million in revenue and \$14.1 million in expenses for a negative budget of approximately \$100,000. The budget is up \$4 million dollars from 2018 largely due to a \$4.8 million dollar project at the Roseau Airport, of which, 95% of the project will be funded by the State and Federal governments. Absent that large project the overall budget is flat or slightly lower than 2018. The preliminary budget does not currently include any tax levy or utility rate increases. However, as the budget is more fully developed over the next four months some items could change. However, the tax levy upper limit must be set by September 15th and submitted to the County for preliminary tax statements.

# SNOW REMOVAL SEASON

Snow season is just around the corner and residents are reminded that a snow emergency may be called by the Superintendent or Police Chief anytime snow conditions on the streets warrant, regardless of the amount of snow that has actually fallen. Typically, snow removal on city streets begins at 2:00 a.m. after a snowfall of 1/2" or more. However, weather conditions may warrant removal activities at other times as well. No vehicles may be parked on a snow covered street, during removal, until that street is plowed from curb to curb.

**Any vehicle left on the street during snow removal may be ticketed and towed without warning.**

The City recommends that all residents identify off-street parking areas for use throughout the winter, but especially during snowfall events and other winter conditions that make snow removal activities necessary, such as strong winds and blowing snow. Please keep boulevards clear of planters, sports equipment, lighting and other items that can be damaged by snow removal activities.

**Residents are also reminded to keep all sidewalks clear of ice and snow.**



**Please use caution around snow removal equipment as operators have limited visibility and maneuverability.**

## CITY SNOWMOBILE ROUTES

The City of Roseau maintains designated snowmobile routes through town. Please keep all snowmobiles on these designated routes only. Please note that the East Diversion lands south of MN Hwy 11 are closed to snowmobile traffic. For more information and snowmobile route maps contact the Roseau Police Department

## New Highway 11 Pedestrian Crossing Signals

The City of Roseau and Roseau School District worked on a joint project to improve safety at the intersections of 4th Avenue NE and 6th Avenue NE and MN Highway 11. New pedestrian activated warning signals provide rapid flashing lights when a pedestrian is within the crosswalk. Motorists should be aware of, and stop for, pedestrians in the crosswalk anytime these beacons are flashing, it's not just courteous, it's the law! Nevertheless, pedestrians should always be aware of oncoming traffic and never assume that motorists see them and will stop.



## Annual Notice to All Residential Customers

Bills can pile up just like snow. But the Minnesota Cold Weather Rule is designed to protect people who may have trouble paying their utility bills in the winter. The Minnesota Cold Weather Rule applies from October 15 to April 15. The rule, established by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, means that your utility cannot disconnect your residential electric service during the winter if the customer meets the following requirement:

- Utility disconnection would affect the customer's primary heat source;
- The customer has declared inability to pay on forms provided by the utility (Note: customers receiving "any form of public assistance", including energy assistance, are deemed to have qualified for inability to pay status);
- The household income of the customer is less than 50 percent of the state median income level, as documented by the customer to the utility; and
- The customer enters into and makes reasonably timely payments under a payment agreement that considers the financial resources of the household.

If you have trouble paying your utility bill, local agencies may be able to provide payment assistance. The state Department of Human Services recommends you call the county in which you live.

If you know you are going to have trouble paying your utility bills, please contact the Roseau Utility Department at 463-2351 to try and work out a payment schedule. We will try to help.

**THE COLD WEATHER RULE DOES NOT FORBID ALL WINTER DISCONNECTION**

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ROSEAU'S ICE ARENAS

**Winter Ice Skating**—Public open skating and open hockey sessions begin at Memorial Arena on Oct 18th. All open skating and open hockey sessions at Memorial Arena, Rams Sports Center and the North Rink are free and open to the public.

**Youth Hockey Hockey**—Registration for Roseau Youth Hockey Boys & Girls Leagues will begin soon, register at [roseauhockeyonline.com](http://roseauhockeyonline.com)

**Adult Hockey Leagues**-Recreational adult hockey leagues for men and women are available. Contact Katy Spoden 242-0063 for more information on times.

**Figure Skating Club**—Contact: Heidi Pulk, Blazing Stars Skating School on Facebook at BlazingStarsSkating

**Learn to Skate Classes**—Heidi Pulk also offers a skating school open to all ages for those wishing to learn to skate or to improve their skating skills. This is a good intro for future hockey and figure skaters

## Energy Rebates and Incentives

Did you know that your local energy utilities provide a number of energy saving incentives, rebates and audit services? Both the Roseau Municipal Electric and Minnesota Energy Resources, the city's natural gas provider, have many programs that both homeowners and businesses can access to save money on items such as new appliances, lighting, heating and cooling equipment, insulation, and energy audits.

For more information on electric rebates and cost savings programs visit: [www.minnkota.com/powersavers](http://www.minnkota.com/powersavers).

For more information on natural gas rebates and programs visit: [www.cashrebatesnow.com](http://www.cashrebatesnow.com).

Save some energy and save some cash!

## FALL CLEAN-UP

Leaves, brush, and other vegetative debris can be disposed of at the City's compost site located 1 mile east on MN Hwy 11 and 1.75 miles north of Roseau on County Road 28. The compost area is located inside the fence of on the north side of the sewage lagoons. Only organic materials may be deposited in the compost piles. The compost site is open on Tuesdays.

**No bags, trash or other non-organic items may be left at the compost site.**



Contact the Utility Department for info 463-2351.

**City Offices are closed  
Nov 12th in observance  
of Veterans Day and  
Nov 22nd & 23rd in  
observance of  
Thanksgiving**